

Unfortunately, this is yet another week when at least one station is complaining about sabotage to equipment, deliberate jamming of signals and telephone lines or the cutting down of aerials. Much of the information is never broadcast, so the problem is probably more wide-spread than realised. I wonder how high the fines must be or how active the Authorities must become before the local stations start to co-operate with one another! On the more positive side of things, Radio Eleanor have started to announce preliminary details of their listener's night out. It is to be held at the Bradford Hotel, Tithebarn Street (corner of Pall Mall), Liverpool City Centre between 8pm and 1am on Friday 6th July. Food will be available for the whole evening, but there may be a small admission charge. Storeton Community Radio's night out for the under-18s will take place at Ma Baker's night club in Conway Street, Birkenhead on 21st May. Details for this one are as printed previously. If you are "into" TV, you may be interested to know that Channel 4 TV are to feature the music of the "pirate" radio stations in their "Ear Say" programme, which is shown on Saturday nights at 6pm. The transmission date for this one isn't known, but thought to be within the next couple of weeks. Central Radio are making plans for another night-out, but the date and venue have yet to be finalised.

ABC RADIO 96.25MHz FM(Stereo): 4, Glencairn Road, Old Swan, Liverpool L13 2AL.

This station was not heard on either Tuesday or Wednesday of this week. News from them is that they didn't have an antenna on Tuesday night, and the promised "help" with the erection of a new antenna on Wednesday never materialised. Rather than struggle to get some sort of signal out, they decided to stay off the air until everything can be sorted out satisfactorarily.

RADIO ATLANTIS 1242kHz: 23, Lambeth Walk, Kirkdale, Liverpool L4 1UU.

The Noon - 3pm Steve Tyler; 3pm - 6pm Rick Dane; 6pm - 9pm Steve Bishop format reported for last Monday seems to have become permanent, having been heard on most nights. On Wednesday, Rick Dane was heard to say that the station had had the authorities "sniffing round" for most of the afternoon. Possibly they had been off the air a few times during the day. The station was not heard at all on Friday, although it was not possible to listen out for it before 6:20pm

STORETON COMMUNITY RADIO 1026kHz: 74, Big Meadow Road, Woodchurch Estate, Birkenhead,

This station seems to have kept to its announced Merseyside L49 9AQ. schedule, with very few exceptions. Martin "C" was heard on Friday night from 7pm saying that he was supposed to be on the air until 11pm, but that Keith the Chief would probably cut him back by one hour. This seemed to have happened. On Sunday, it was nice to hear Sandie Babe back on the air. She did a joint show, between 1pm and 3pm, with WAYNE SCOTT, a local Country and Western singer. Unfortunately, Wayne Scott seemed to have appeared at the expense of Miss Chris Sinclair, who was not heard.

RADIO ELEANOR 1179kHz: 16, Stockbridge Street, Anfield, Liverpool L5 6PB

News from Barry Cullen is that the Liverpool Echo are planning to run a feature article on local pirate radio. Other details are not yet known. The station ran its usual Saturday schedule, but there were some changes shown on Sunday. It was announced on Saturday that the response from listeners for "demo" tapes from 'would-be' DJs had been very good, and they hoped to play some of the tapes over the weekend. In the event, these tapes never materialised as planned. On Sunday, the station kept to its announced schedule, except that the Mark Wright Show between 3pm and 5pm turned out to be an outside broadcast by Mark Wright and Barry Cullen, which featured interviews with the members of "Echo and the Bunny Men" who were in Liverpool for a concert, and with some of the crew of Tyne-Tees TV, who were in Liverpool for the concert, which is to be shown on "The Tube" on 29th June. The Free Radio News featured tapes of the close-down announcements by Sounds Alternative in Birmingham, and the feature on pirate radio that was broadcast by Radio London in Nov. of last year. The latter lasts for 1½ hours, and the station intends to broadcast it in its entirety at 11am next Saturday. Next week, the station is extending its hours considerably. No details are yet available, but they are announcing Friday 5pm - 1am: Saturday 10am - 1am: Sunday ??? Presumably 10am - 5:30pm.

CENTRAL RADIO INTERNATIONAL 1332kHz: 27, Rushmere Road, Norris Green, Liverpool L11 2XP.

The midweek change of frequency and the absence of Mark Evans (on holiday) have played havoc with this station's schedule during the week. News from the station itself says that the schedule was:- Monday, as reported last week, except Jeff Stone from 2pm-3pm, then Ian Phillips 3pm-5pm close-down: Tuesday 10am-11am Jeff Stone; 11am - Noon "Joe, the Engineer". After this, the station closed down until 1:30pm, to change

frequency, and then featured 1:30pm-2:30pm "Joe, the Engineer" and 2:30pm-4pm Jeff Stone. Wednesday saw them very short of staff and featured were Noon-2pm Jeff Stone; 2pm-4pm Cont. music. Thursday it was Noon-3pm Jeff Stone; 3pm-4pm Mark Evans. Friday saw a couple of new female DJs, the result of asking for "demo" tapes. The schedule was: 10am-Noon Jeff Stone; Noon-2pm Mark Evans; 2pm-4pm "Howie and Apple Pip"; 4pm-5pm Mark Evans. Saturday schedule was 10am-noon Jeff Stone; Noon-2pm Mark Evans; 2pm-3pm Jim Browne; 3pm-5pm Ian Phillips. Sunday schedule was 10am-noon Jim Browne; 12 noon-2pm Mark Evans; 2pm-4pm Jeff Stone; 4pm-6pm Ken Woolfe. Ian Phillips didn't turn up, and he was covered for by Ken Woolfe (6pm-7pm) and Jeff Stone (7pm-8pm close-down)

CHANNEL FIVE 1242kHz: 23, Rice Hey Road, Egremont, Wallasey, Merseyside L44 ODX

This station was not noted on Saturday until 1:20pm, so I guess they had a few problems. Schedule was Pete Williams to 3pm; 3pm-6pm Steve West; 6pm-7pm Bruce Jackson (alias Nick Catford); 7pm-8pm Russell Hobbs; 8pm-10pm Dave Graham; 10pm-Midnight Frank Xerox; Midnight-1am Frank Xerox/Pete Williams. Steve West missed the last bus so the station closed down at 1am. On Sunday, the station had further problems, and were not heard until 4:43pm. Steve West said that the aerial had been pulled down again. He was announcing the schedule as himself to 7pm; 7pm-10pm Dave Graham; 10pm-Midnight Frank Xerox; Midnight - 1am close-down Frank Xerox and Pete Williams. In the event, Steve West was still on the air at 8:04pm, appealing for Dave Graham, Russell Hobbs, or anyone at all to get round to the studio. He said that he would then be playing a track that lasted $\frac{1}{2}$ hour, to give himself a break, but when checked at 8:53pm the station had gone, and was not subsequently heard.

STATION "M" INTERNATIONAL 1413kHz & 90.1MHz: 78, Brunswick Court, Birkenhead, Merseyside

This station was noted at 12:18pm on Sunday. The signal strength L41 6LW. on medium wave had dropped to S1 and the modulation was not very clear. Reception on FM was stronger, but distorted. The distortion changed from severe to moderate and back again fairly rapidly and regularly. Roger Dee appeared to do the whole broadcast by himself, and featured a tribute to Bob Marley between 6pm and 7pm. The station closed down at about 7:15 pm. At the beginning of the day, Roger Dee reported severe difficulties on both frequencies.

RADIO MERSEYWAVES 1197kHz & 94.8MHz: 23, Birnam Road, Wallasey, Merseyside L44 9AY.

Please note! I've managed to spell the mailing address correctly this week. The station opened at 6pm Sunday, and followed it's normal Bert Williams/Paul Jay/Bert Williams format. The FM frequency was not too good this weekend with disturbances from the "legals" on both sides of them. Bert's "philosophies", usually aired in his first stint between 6pm and 8:30pm, are worth a listen and are guaranteed to brighten up your evening.

LATEST NEWS

Monday 14th May: Steve Bishop is announcing the mailing address of Radio Atlantis as:- 150, Rake Lane, Liscard, Wallasey, Merseyside L45 1JW, an address that should be familiar as that of Radio Free Wirral/Radio Free Liverpool, that operated on "186m" around Christmas time. Steve Bishop is also announcing that Radio Atlantis are on 102.7MHz. Since Bank Holiday Monday, a very strong signal has been heard on FM in the Liscard area. Normally it relays Radio Atlantis, but at weekends it normally relays Radio Nova. Last time measured it was on 103.1MHz, but the following day the frequency appeared to have dropped considerably ~~in frequency~~, although I don't have the means to get an accurate read-out on FM. It seems to now have settled down to a regular frequency, and 102.7MHz is probably correct.